

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 7-59 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-5 and 7-13 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58 have been rejected.

Claims 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 and 59 have been objected to.

Claim 22 has been amended, as set forth herein, solely to correct an informality and does not change the scope of the claims.

I. **OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION**

Claims 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,205,142 in view of Pitroda, et al. (US 4,149,038).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. However, Applicant is submitting herewith a timely and proper terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal this rejection of Claims of 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58.

II. OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 and 59

Claims 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 and 59 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As discussed above, Applicant has overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, and therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection to Claims 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 and 59.

III. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@davismunck.com*.

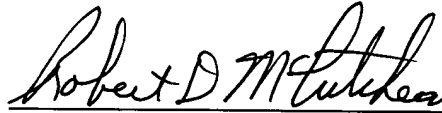
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